

## EXTERNAL AGENCIES SUMMARY

### **Programs and Services**

The budget recommendations presented on the following pages contain five categories of Community Non-Profit Funds: Arts, Cultural Assets & Parks Fund; Business Associations Fund; Housing Fund; Youth Fund; and Human Services Community Fund. Following these five categories is a listing of additional external agency allocations contained in various Metro agency budgets.

In order to evaluate requests from non-profit agencies for Metro tax dollars in a fair, consistent, and accountable manner, a new review process was developed in 2003. This process consists of a panel for each of the five categories above – with each panel composed of three representatives of the Mayor at the Cabinet and Agency level, three Metro Council representatives, and three citizens with interest and expertise, but not directly involved in any agency receiving allocations. Clear, written policies and procedures outline specific requirements for qualification, training, monitoring, financial reporting, and reporting of program effectiveness.